(c) the reasons for taking such decision;

(d) the number of workers likely to be affected following the closure of those fertilizer units; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) are the two fertilizer manufacturing companies in the public sector which have been declared as sick companies by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). In the context of the preparation of revival packages for these PSUs, the Government have decided, in principle, to hive off of Haldia Fertlizer Project (West Bengal) of HFC and Gorakhpur unit (UP) of FCI from their parent companies in view of the fact that revamp of these projects was not found feasible. The proposal is to offer these two units to other entrepreneurs for opening up new plants at these locations or reviving the existing plants. As on 31.3.1995, there were about 1525 and 1650 employees or the rolls of Haldia project and Gorakhpur unit, respectively. However, any final decision on the long term future of HFC and FCI, including Haldia project and Gorakhpur unit, would depend upon the outcome of the proceedings pending before the BIFR, which is a Quasi-judicial authority.

Demand of Fertilizers in Karnataka

7464. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand of fertilizers in Karnataka;

(b) the share of subsidy on fertilizers consumed in Karnataka;

(c) whether there is any short supply of fertilizers in Karanataka;

(d) whether Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilizers have submitted a Rehabiliation Scheme to Government; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Urea is the only fertilizer under price, distribution and movement controls and its demand is assessed for the purposes of allocation under the Essential Commodities Act, (ECA), 1955. The demand for urea in the State of Karnataka during the current Kharif season is 4.30 lakh tonnes.

(b) The fertilizer subsidy schemes, which are applicable uniformly throughout the country, do not envisage statewise allocation.

(c) The availability of fertilizers in Karnataka, relative to the current demand, is comfortable.

(d) and (e) Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited is not an undertaking of the Government of India. The compnay is reported to be under reference to the Board of Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). No specific assistance of this Ministry is required in the matter of finalisation of revival package for this company.

Failure to Recover Over Charged Amount

7465. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to recover the overcharged amount in respect of Revital, Tetradox, Ibuprofen, Roscillin, Pentazocaine and several other formulations where prices were overcharged;

(b) the full facts and the details of the periods when prices were overcharged;

(c) the special reasons on account of which Government has failed to work out